

Amendments to the CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently amended) A method of producing hollow bodies (H) of plastic by stretch-blow molding heated parison (V), where the parisons are inspected and defective parisons are sorted out, comprising inspecting characterized in that the parisons (V) are inspected before being heated, and heating at least some of the defective parisons (V) are heated and are sorted sorting out the defective parisons (V) only after being heated.

2. (Currently amended) The method according to Claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ and sorting out after being heated the defective parisons (V) which can be heated with no problem, ~~are sorted out only after being heated and sorting out even before being heated the defective parisons (V) which pose problems in heating, can be sorted out even before being heated.~~

3. (Currently amended) The method according to Claim 2, ~~characterized in that~~ and sorting out after being heated the defective parisons (V) having a slightly oval mouth, ~~are sorted out after being heated and sorting out before being heated the defective parisons (V) with a markedly oval or constricted mouth, are separated out before being heated.~~

4. (Currently amended) The method according to Claim 2, ~~and wherein~~ or 3, ~~characterized in that~~ the acceptable parisons (V) which are adjacent to a gap created by sorting out a defective parison (V) before being heated are sorted out after being heated.

5. (Currently amended) A device for producing hollow bodies (H) from plastic by stretch-blow molding heated parisons (V), comprising a heating station (2), a downstream blow molding station (1), ~~and an upstream inspection station (3), and characterized in that~~ a sorting station (4) which is controllable by the inspection station (3) is situated between the heating station (2) and the blow molding station (1) for sorting out defective parisons (V).

6. (Currently amended) The device according to Claim 5, ~~and characterized in that~~ an additional sorting station (5) which is also controllable by the inspection station (3) is situated between the inspection station (3) and the heating station (2) for sorting out defective parisons (V).

7. (Currently amended) The device according to Claim 6, wherein characterized in
~~that~~ the inspection station (3) has an analyzer device (3) which differentiates between
defective parisons (V) having a defect-free or only slightly oval mouth on the one hand and
defective parisons (V') having a markedly oval or constricted mouth on the other hand, and
~~which causes the latter~~ the analyzer device causing the defective parisons (V) having a
markedly oval or constructed mouth to be sorted out before the heating station (2) while they
are in the additional sorting station.

8. (Currently amended) The device according to ~~one of Claims 5 through 7, 5,~~
wherein characterized in that the inspection station (3) is situated at an intake star wheel (7)
which is upstream from the heating station (2) and the sorting station (4) is situated at a
transfer star wheel (8) which is located between the heating station (2) and the blow molding
station (1).

9. (Currently amended) The device according to Claim 8, and an ~~characterized in~~
~~that the~~ additional sorting station (5) is located at the intake star wheel (7).